



REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands
Directors, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff

SUBJECT: Independence Day Holiday Safety

1. Each year on July 4th, Americans celebrate their freedom and independence. As leaders within the US Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), we are committed to ensuring the safety of our Soldiers, civilians, and their families. The July 4th holiday weekend is historically one of the deadliest weekends for motorists on public highways. It is estimated that 32.6 million people will be taking to America's highways this holiday weekend.
2. The MEDCOM has lost six Soldiers this fiscal year alone to privately-owned vehicle (POV) accidents; this continues to be the number one cause of fatalities in the MEDCOM. Leaders at all echelons play a major role in preparing soldiers, civilian employees, and family members to deal with the additional risks over the Independence Day weekend. While preparing our units for this holiday, it is very important that as leaders we convey the message of composite risk management to our Soldiers. The composite risk management process encourages us to think about all aspects of the activities we participate in and how it will affect us. Fireworks are usually a traditional part of the Independence Day celebration, so this should be included in holiday briefs as well as safe swimming, boating, alcohol use, seatbelt use, and operating a POV with stress on the inherent risks associated with those activities. Additionally, please have your leaders emphasize sexual assault risks, prevention, and response in their holiday safety briefings; guidance is available at www.sexualassault.army.mil. Supervisors should also conduct vehicle inspections and remind everyone to use the automated risk assessment (ASMIS-1) for soldiers who plan to take leave, pass, TDY, or PCS.
3. Enjoy an accident free Independence Day celebration and Be Safe.

*Let's take Soldier
care of you*


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